

## **STUDENTS' CONCERNS ABOUT FAMILY MEMBERS' OR FRIENDS' AOD USE/ABUSE**

Forty-two percent of Tennessee high school students have been concerned that a close friend was drinking too much or had a problem with alcohol, and 43% were concerned that a close friend was using or abusing drugs other than alcohol.

Concern about alcohol use and abuse by a family member, especially a parent, was expressed by 32% of students, while concern about family drug abuse was expressed by 19% of students.

## **ATOD PREVENTION ISSUES**

### Alcohol and Other Drug Education in School

Asked about their exposure to ATOD education, the following results were obtained:

- 63% of students had seen films or had lectures or discussions related to AOD education during a regular class;
- 32% of students had taken a special course about AOD in school;
- 27% had seen films or had lectures outside their regular classes; and
- 28% had participated in special discussions or group sessions about AOD but had not had courses.

The overall value of these drug education experiences was assessed by students. For 15% of students, their school-based AOD education had been of "great value" and for 23%, it was of "considerable value." For more than one-third (36%), it was of "some value," while for 26%, such education was assessed as of "little or no value."

In general, the information about AOD that students had received in school classes or programs made them less interested in trying AOD (47%) or did not change their interest in trying AOD (44%). However, four percent of students reported that the AOD information made them more interested in trying AOD, while 5% said they had had no AOD education courses or lectures in school.